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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Flu Vaccines for Eligible Children Offered Free of Charge During National Influenza Vaccination Week**

**EL PASO, Texas** – In observance of National Influenza Vaccination Week, the Department of Public Health will waive the administration fee for children's flu vaccines on Wednesday, December 6.

Qualifying children may receive the flu vaccine free of charge at the Immunization Program Health Centers located at the Ysleta Center, 110 Candelaria Road, and the Henderson Center, 721 South Mesa. Both centers are open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For children up to 18 years of age to be eligible to receive Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC), they must meet one of the following criteria:

- Uninsured
- Medicaid recipient
- CHIP recipient
- American Indian or Alaskan native

Local Health officials are reminding area residents that it is not too late to get vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against influenza; with major emphasis on the high risk groups such as children younger than 5 years of age, children and adults with an underlying medical condition, seniors and pregnant women.

"While the flu season has remained slow so far this season, we continue to work to keep it that way," said City of Public Health Director, Robert Resendes. "The flu vaccine is the primary defense against the virus and we want to make sure the children we serve have the opportunity to be vaccinated without cost being a factor."

The National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2005, is a national awareness week focused on highlighting the importance of influenza vaccination. National Influenza Vaccination Week 2017 will be observed December 3 through 9.

For more information on the programs and services provided by the City of El Paso Department of Public Health, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.EPHealth.com](http://www.EPHealth.com) or [www.EPSalud.com](http://www.EPSalud.com).

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